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Offices,

Rockton, Valley of the
Mohawk. Feb 24. 1851

My Dear Friends, —

I wrote you on the morning of the 20th (Thursday) from Union Village, on the Hudson. In the afternoon I attended the Convention and in a speech of upwards of an hour I introduced the Foreigner to the notice of my audience (a very good one) and told them as much about him as I thought it expedient they should know. My friendly speech seemed to win for him the good opinion of the majority and many were the smiles he got while I ~~he~~ was speaking and the greetings then

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I had finished. In the Evening the Missionary ascended the desk, and after singing, * occupied the whole time (more than two hours.) Though I did not think much of the Speech the people pronounced it a Good such is their part of the country and that is Enough. What can you expect from the descendants of Rip Van Winckle in the way of judgment or Oratory.

Friday. 21st Spoke in the Morning Meeting. Spoke also Early in the afternoon and retired to lie down. While I was away S. S. F. turned the Milk to curds by an attack upon all Church organizations which did some harm. (Confidential!)

* There was an accomplished Choir who with the aid of a Melodeon and a base Viol gave us some very sweet & well executed Music.

In the Evening Abby made a masterly (no mistrusty) Speech on the growth and Bohun Upas influence of the slave power. Then I rose and delivered a Valedictory & the Convention adjourned sine die.

Saturday 22. Started at 9-30 A.M. for Troy - 29 Miles, in a Stage & accomplished the journey in 8 hours reaching the Washington Hotel at ½ past 5. !! Oh that ride! Heaven preserve me from another such. At Troy, had to wait till 7 in a pissuncus (pestiferous) bar room newly painted with a red hot stove in it. Oh my head! At 7 took the Cars and arrived here a little before midnight. Too unwell to come down on Sunday morning the 23rd.

A Meeting held at which Putnam & the Fosters spoke. Place the Rechabite Hall. In the afternoon I went in and spoke at length. After my address a young Patriot rose and took the Stand. Vindicated the Fugitive Slave Law— The North had nothing to do with Slavery. The Colonization Society had done more to promote abolition than we (you) had. Mr. Thompson did not seem to understand that we were 31 Separate States with individual Sovereignty Reserved Rights &c. &c. &c. Mr. Thompson replied— the audience in extatics. The Patriot used up. The applause vociferous. At the close one of the principal Citizens offered a word of advice to the young man, Viz. That before he attempted to

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lift an Ox he showed practice himself by lifting a Calf every day.

In the Evening we had no meeting, but instead, held a levee at our hotel which was numerously attended.

We are now off to west Winfield some twenty miles - all but 6 miles by waggon. Pray for me that I be not left in fragments on the road for the shaking is awful and the danger of dislocation is imminent. Can you put up with these Epistles? If you can you shall hear more concerning the rambles of an Incendiary. Love Yrs G. J.

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Send me some papers
from N. York. to Mr
Grays.

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